

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 16, 2003

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 35

Introduced by Senator Florez

June 9, 2003

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 35, as amended, Florez. United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway.

This measure would name a specified portion of State Highway Route 198 as the United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The Kings County Board of Supervisors has
2 approved adoption of a resolution proposing that a section of State
3 Highway Route 198 in Lemoore be named in honor of the late
4 United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert,
5 a long-time Lemoore resident who was killed during the terrorist
6 attacks on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; and
7 WHEREAS, The section of State Highway Route 198 proposed
8 to be named in honor of Otis Tolbert would stretch from 18th
9 Avenue *in Lemoore* to 25th Avenue ~~in~~ *near* Lemoore, and the
10 portion of the highway that would bear his name directly correlates

1 to his life, starting at Lemoore High School, his alma mater, and
2 ending at the Lemoore Naval Air Station, a reference to his naval
3 career; and

4 WHEREAS, A 1980 graduate of Lemoore High School where
5 he was a track and field star, Otis Tolbert was awarded a football
6 scholarship to California State University, Fresno (CSUF), where
7 he played defensive end for the Fresno State Bulldogs football
8 team, and graduated in 1985 with a degree in criminal justice; and

9 WHEREAS, After leaving CSUF, Otis Tolbert joined the
10 United States Navy and advanced to the rank of Lieutenant
11 Commander for the Defense Intelligence Agency; and

12 WHEREAS, Otis Tolbert was known for his signature smile, his
13 strength, his leadership, and for being true to his word, and he was
14 devoted to his family and friends and to his country; and

15 WHEREAS, Otis Tolbert was buried at Arlington National
16 Cemetery in a military ceremony of honor with appropriate regalia
17 for a respected and valued Naval officer; and

18 WHEREAS, Otis Tolbert is survived by his wife, Shari; his
19 three children, Amanda, Brittany, and Anthony Tolbert; his
20 parents, Otis and Nancy Tolbert; and his brothers, Daniel and Chris
21 Tolbert; and

22 WHEREAS, The naming of the proposed section of State
23 Highway Route 198 in Lemoore would be a fitting tribute to an
24 individual who brought immense pride and distinction to the
25 community, and who gave his life serving his countrymen; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the late United States Navy Lieutenant
29 Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert, whose stellar service to the
30 United States of America will long be remembered, be
31 memorialized, and that the portion of State Highway Route 198
32 ~~between 18th Avenue and 25th Avenue in Lemoore, California, be~~
33 *from 18th Avenue in Lemoore to 25th Avenue near Lemoore,*
34 *California, be* named the United States Navy Lieutenant
35 Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway in his
36 honor; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
38 determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent
39 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
40 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations

1 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those
2 plaques and markers; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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